

# **St. Brendan's Boys P.S.**

**June 2015**



## **School tours**

We hope all boys had opportunity to go and enjoy a school tour this year. Thank you to parents for supporting these excursions which are an important part of the school year. Pictured are some of the 6th class boys who travelled to Gweedore in Donegal with Mr.Cunningham and Mr.Crofton , stayed overnight and climbed to top of Mt.Errigal at over 700m.

## **6th Class Graduation**

We say farewell to a fantastic 6th class this year and thank them for their hard work , great positive attitude to school , kindness , generosity and respect shown to all. We had a graduation ceremony on Tuesday in the school hall with families and friends attending as each boy presented his HERO PROJECT and spoke to the crowd for 1 minute about his hero and how he has been inspired by them. A great way to finish a great 8 years. Best wishes boys !

## **School end of year reports**

Reports have been given to all boys to take home. Boys who are absent / holidays will be posted home. If for some reason , you did not get a report home, please contact the school to arrange for a copy to be sent. Also included in the report was the school calendar for next year and the class teachers for September 2015 School will reopen on Monday 31st August.

## **Important dates**

School close for summer holidays—Friday 26th June at 12.30pm

School reopens : Monday 31st August 2015 at 9.20am

## **Hurling**

We had the Junior and Senior Hurling league finals in St. Brendans Park in June. This was a fantastic opportunity for the boys to play at the park like all their hurling heroes and judging by some of the hurling on show, there are some definite stars of the future. Well done to all who won trophies for outdoor and indoor hurling leagues. Thanks to Mr. Kennedy for all his work organising and refereeing the leagues which all will agree involves huge dedication and passion. It was a great year for hurling in the school with the winning of the Cumann na mBunscoil comp. for offaly along with indoor leagues. We now look to next year and encourage as many boys as possible to get hurling , take part in leagues etc and commit to the school team.

## **Sports Day.**

We held our annual sports day on Friday 29th May and a great day was had by all. The weather was great so all Junior and Senior sports events were completed along with the prestigious “ Brother Finian Cup” in which the 6th class ran and all finished to their credit.

Many thanks to all the staff who pitch in to make the day happen and to Mrs. Lonergan for the planning and organisation which makes the day come together and to Mick Hansbury for helping with arranging the events and sourcing the cool bale of hay, cargo net and the bungee set-up.

Sports day awards for the winning teams and the awards for captains and most supportive boys were given out during the last week of school. Also the following annual awards were presented:

The Brother Finian Cup for the 6th class long race was won by Nathan Williams

The McManus Cup( Special Achievement Award) was won by Atiqjan Zarghoonsha

The Derek Maher Trophy (Student of the year) was won by Darragh Cleary and Padraig Kelly

The Aidan Rosney Cup (Snr Hurler of the year) was won by Nathan Williams

The Kenneth Fox cup (Winning Capt of Senior Hurling league) was won by Nathan Williams.

The St.Brendans Cup (Winning Capt.Of Junior Hurling League) was won by Matthew Donoghue.

The Junior Hurler of the year went to Adam Duffy.

Finally well done to 6th class on a great display of soccer skills to draw 5-5 with the staff team captained by Ms.Clodagh Egan

## **HSCL (HOME—School)** Schools out for Summer!!

Last note for this School year and I hope it finds you all well.

What a busy, busy last term we have had. Busy...but brilliant!

We held our annual Grandparents Day in St. Brendan's on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May. We were delighted to have a full house and the craic was only mighty. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> class provided entertainment followed by a medley from our very own Mr. Kelly. We had cakes and buns galore provided by Lorraine, Rose, Amanda and Ann. It was a fantastic event and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

We welcomed our 23 new Junior infants to our school. They were so excited to see their new room and meet their lovely new teacher. Roll on September!

Our fantastic 6<sup>th</sup> class will be leaving us this week. They spent a day in Mercy Primary School and did a Workshop on their upcoming Transition to Secondary School. The feedback from this workshop was fantastic and the boys enjoyed their trip over the bridge for the day! That same afternoon we provided an Information session to the parents of our 6<sup>th</sup> class students. We had a fantastic turnout and it proved to be a really interesting and useful session. I want to wish all the boys in 6<sup>th</sup> class the very best for the future and to you their parents a massive thank you for your years of support and kindness to our school. Our school snacks have been going down a treat here in St. Brendan's. The boys are delighted to have an extra snack to provide them with **even** more energy for their busy days here! I am in the process of re-applying for funding for the school year 2015-16, so fingers crossed we will be in a position to continue this new venture in September.

Finally...I want to say what a fabulous first year I have had as H.S.C.L for St. Brendan's.

Thank you all for being so welcoming and kind. It is just amazing to be part of such a great school. I look forward to seeing you all in September. Have a happy and safe Summer.

Richelle

H.S.C.L

## **Board of Management**

The BOM wishes to express its thanks to the temp. staff we have had in school this year. We have been fortunate to have had Ms. Sheils, Ms. Egan and Ms. Pilkington. Unfortunately the nature of these posts is temp / maternity but we wish them well in their bright futures teaching and please God we will see these talented young teachers back with us again.

## **The Summer Reading Adventure is running in your local library this summer.**

The reading adventure is a free programme open to all children.

Registration for the programme begins on Wednesday 1st of July. Each child who registers for the programme will receive a bookmark and Summer Reading Card. There is space on the card to record 7 books.

A library reward sticker will be added to their reading card at the library after each book read and returned to the library.

The **first 500 children** who have completed their Summer Reading card will be presented with their award certificate and a library bag.

Places are limited so it's important to get to your library to receive your adventure card as soon as you can after the 1st July

Events for children including arts and crafts, story-time and other fun activities will also be held in libraries during the summer. Please check our website for details.

### **Mile Buiochas**

Sincere thanks to all who helped out in our school over the past year, especially to our Board of Management under Chairperson Ms.Liz Kennedy, our talented and enthusiastic teaching staff, our kind and wonderful SNA's, our Chaplin Fr.Cahir, and our Parents Association under Mrs.Caroline Boyd.

Also thanks to Mairead and Sam from our School Completion Programme, the volunteers from Home-school who come in for fruit scheme and math/reading/ Science programmes. Thanks to our secretary Delia Naughton, our Caretaker Mick Hansbury for all their work during the year and also to our cleaning staff, Ruth and Claire for keeping our school looking so well. Special word of thanks from all involved in St. Brendans PS to Ms.Richelle Treacy for all her work over the past year in her new role as Home-School-Community-Liaison teacher. For more information and photos check LATEST NEWS on our school website [www.stbrendansps,.ie](http://www.stbrendansps.ie)

**Finally a literacy CHALLENGE for you all.**

**“ Dear Brendan” Write or Send us a Letter / postcard telling us about what you do this summer from Kerry to Disneyland-Athlone to Poland, Lough Boora to Lough Derg...Birr swimming pool, Hurling blitzes, soccer camps, sleepovers with friends ,, the list goes on..Address : St. Brendans PS ,Moorpark st, Birr. This is a summer HOLIDAY activity and must be completed and in our postbox before Friday 28th August. Would be great writing and reading activity and we will display in September.**

Have a lovely summer and best wishes,  
Niall Crofton, Principal.